



District 6



District 6 e-Newsletter

Dear Friends:

It is always a pleasure to contact you. I hope my monthly newsletters are providing you with valuable information on District 6.

My steadfast commitment to you remains the same - to vote for a balanced budget and against tax increases and to ensure our residents continue to receive the highest quality of services at the lowest cost.

I invite you to visit the District 6 website in order to find updated community news and a link to join our mailing list. As always, please also feel free to write me at District6@miamidade.gov.

With warmest regards,
Rebeca Sosa

Summer 2012

Sponsored legislation

- As Chair of the County's Economic Development and Social Services Committee, it is my goal to bring forth legislation that drives businesses to our community and provides jobs for our residents. Therefore, I presented a resolution directing the County Mayor and administration to implement a physical one-stop information and processing center for opening a new business in Miami-Dade County with as many locations as are necessary to ensure excellent services are delivered.
- Concerned over the increased deaths in young people due to traffic accidents that occur returning to school after an off-campus lunch break, I sponsored legislation supporting Florida Senate and House bills filed during the State Legislature's 2012 session that would prohibit public high schools students from leaving school grounds during designated lunch periods. It was reported that during 1998, 1999, and 2000, traffic accidents in Florida involving people between the ages of 15 through 18 killed a total of 22 young people and injured 4,496 others. These accidents most occurred between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. One of the better-known cases occurred on September 18, 1999, when 14-year-old Mayra Capote and two other students from Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School were killed in an automobile accident while returning to school after a lunch break.

Our neighborhood

I am committed to serving the residents of Miami-Dade County and want to share with you success stories of residents we have been able to assist:

- With so many families being displaced from their homes and losing their jobs, I was glad to have been able to assist a single mother of two young adults in obtaining temporary shelter through the Homeless Trust, along with a list of job opportunities available throughout Miami-Dade County. While she and her children are in a shelter, the Legal Services Department will be assisting them in having her eviction notice date extended.
- Most of the calls we receive are from our elderly neighbors, most of whom live alone and require extra attention. Two lovely ladies in such a predicament. The first needed to have debris removed from the front of her house and a new garbage can. The County's Solid Waste Department assisted my office by making sure her requests were taken care of. The second lady, who was homebound,

asked that we help her obtain a form in order for her to renew her Golden Pass. We quickly contacted the County's Transit Department and had the form mailed to her home.

West Miami town hall meeting

City of West Miami officials and residents attended a special town hall meeting during which Commissioner Sosa informed residents of County services available to them, such as the Weatherization Program and Elderly Services.



Movie under the stars

Commissioner Sosa welcomed over 300 residents to the first Movie Night at Schenley Park, a family-fun event that turned neighbors into friends and brought the community closer together.



New business in District 6

District 6 continues to play a pivotal role in the County's business community as expressed by Commissioner Sosa during the groundbreaking ceremony of Cambria Suites by Choice Hotel. The 122-room, contemporary, upscale, all-suites hotel is set to open in the summer of 2013 in the Blue Lagoon neighborhood.



Coral Gables Senior Luncheon

Commissioner Sosa joined City of Coral Gables Mayor James Cason at the Annual Senior Luncheon held at the War Memorial Youth Center in Coral Gables.



State of the Youth

The youth in our community were brought together in the first District 6 State of the Youth event in Miami-Dade County. The event served as a forum for our younger residents to express their concerns and bring forth issues that affect their futures.



National Library Week

Her love of teaching, children, and reading comes together every year when Commissioner Sosa celebrates National Library Week by reading to her youngest neighbors.



Residents take advantage of free spay and neuter services

Animal lovers took part in the first District 6 free spay and neuter surgeries event for their beloved dogs and cats.



Norwegian Getaway makes a splash at PortMiami

Commissioner Sosa joined PortMiami Director Bill Johnson and Norwegian Cruise Line Executive Officer Kevin

Sheehan to announce that Norwegian Cruise Line's new state-of-the-art 4,000 passenger ship, Norwegian Getaway, the largest ship ever to home port year-round in Miami, will embark on weekly cruises beginning in the spring of 2014.



Water safety

Jenny Hong Nguyen, a 12-year-old who passed away last year in a drowning accident, was honored during a reception that highlighted the importance of teaching children basic water safety and swimming skills.



Pelican Playhouse

Pelican Playhouse, Inc. and its founders Ralph and Nancy Wakefield were honored for their contributions to the arts in our community. The pair has produced more than 50 plays in Miami Springs since establishing their company in 1999.



Around the County

Get ready to fish! May 17 - 20

All amateur, professional and junior fishermen are welcome to the 9th Annual Blue Water Fishing Classic. Launch your boat from any of Miami-Dade County's six public marinas for your chance to win more than \$20,000 in cash and prizes.

2012 Summer Savings Pass available!

The Summer Savings Pass will be available for purchase at Zoo Miami and at each of the other participating attractions beginning on May 14, 2012. The pass will give its buyers unlimited admission to all four attractions throughout the summer!

MIA launches new WiFi service for passengers

Travelers at Miami International Airport can now visit select travel-related websites for free and others at an affordable price.

46th Annual Miami Science Museum Summer Camp

Join Miami Science Museum for its 46th Annual Summer Camp! Register your little ones in fun and educational classes such as Eco Island Adventures, Rocketry, Edible Experiments and Superhero Science!

Contact us

Our doors are always open to you!

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